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PSL MAY GROW TO 16 TEAMS

Diplomats favorites

Clubs that have applied for 1980 PSL membership with "Soccer Action" odds about their chances:

evens Canberra Diplomats
2/1 Wollongong
5/1 Grange Thistle (Old)
6/1 Preston Makedonia (Vic)
20/1 Juventus (Vic)
100/1 Blacktown
Scratched Frankton (Vic).

By KYLE PATTERSON

The Philips League may be increased to 16 clubs following the formation of new clubs in Canberra and Wollongong.

The Canberra Diplomats and the unnamed Wollongong club may be elected to the league when the ASF executive meets early next month.

And the PSL clubs 'relegated' at the end of the season may be re-elected bringing the number of clubs to 16.

However, the relegation/promotion issue is still clouded, and we could see one of the following events:

- South Melbourne and St George 'relegated', but re-elected.
- Brisbane Lions relegated and replaced by Queensland State League club Grange Thistle.
- Preston Makedonia promoted to replace Footscray.
- A team dropping out voluntarily to be replaced by Wollongong, with the Diplomats replacing either Sydney Olympic, Brisbane Lions or Footscray. This would leave only 14 teams in the PSL.
- A team dropping out voluntarily to be replaced by Preston Makedonia or Grange Thistle, with the Diplomats and Wollongong included to make 16 clubs.

The Canberra Diplomats club, which was launched with a gala function in Canberra last Thursday, is depending heavily on Wollongong to make a satisfactory application.

Unofficial reports suggest the PSL will accept the Diplomats application providing Wollongong is strong enough. This is to avoid having an odd number of teams, and the necessity of promoting an inner-city club to balance the numbers.

PSL policy sets down that decentralisation of soccer is essential, meaning clubs from the already over-crowded bases of Sydney and Melbourne have little chance of gaining membership.

The situation in Canberra is different to that in the other capitals and the Diplomats have a good case to argue.

The Diplomats maintain that soccer in Canberra will lose its impetus unless a second PSL team is formed there.

Canberra City is believed to be fuming at the Diplomats' birth and a battle of dirty politics looms in the national capital.

Wollongong's application, which will be submitted to the PSL this week, has many advantages.

"The people in Wollongong are extremely confident our application will be successful," said club secretary Jim McCormack. "The time is right."

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Top coaches pursued

Four top coaches from Australia and overseas have been linked with Canberra Diplomats.

Reports indicate Victorian State coach Len McKendry, Heidelberg Utd coach Manny Poulakakis and former West Adelaide, Heidelberg Utd and APIA boss Jim Adam would be possibilities to take over the new PSL team.

Former Australian coach Jimmy Shoulder has been mentioned but it's likely he will stay in England.

The Diplomats will start in earnest their chase for a coach as soon as their PSL future is assured.

The Diplomats would also have to buy several players and has budgeted \$40,000 for transfer fees and \$30,000 for signing-on fees.

Player payments by the Diplomats would be \$90 a win, \$75 a draw and \$60 a loss. Players in the training squad, but not in the match squad would get a \$30-a-week retainer.

Incentive schemes include: \$250 a player when the team reaches 15 points; \$50 a player a point after 15 points; \$250 a player when the team reaches 25 points and another \$250 when 30 points is passed.

The Diplomats would have six players from West Woden and Inter Monaro. They are: Sebastian Giampaolo, Walter Valeri, Gerald Crawford, John Santolin, Vula Wate and Michael Tuilawa.

Argentina's second World Cup

Argentina won the 1979 FIFA World Youth Tournament for the Coca-Cola Cup on Friday night by defeating the Soviet Union, the defending champion, 3-1 in the final before 52,000 spectators at Tokyo's National Stadium.

In the semi-finals, Argentina had beaten Uruguay 2-0 and the USSR had downed Poland 1-0.

Uruguay beat Poland on penalties 5-3 in the play-off for third place, after a 1-1 draw after extra time.

The Soviets concentrated their defence against Argentina's midfielder Diego Maradona and forward Ramon Diaz and the first half ended in a scoreless tie.

The Soviets, then electrified the spectators when Igor Ponomarev scored with a header on an assist

From PETER BENT in Tokyo

from forward Serguei Siskashev for a 1-0 Soviet lead.

The Argentines maintained their threat, deep in Soviet territory, which resulted in a penalty kick for Argentina. Fullback Hugo Alvarez made good the penalty kick in the 67th minute to tie the score 1-1.

Diaz dribbled through the Soviet defence and booted in a goal from the left flank in the 70th minute to give Argentina a 2-1 lead.

It was Diaz's eighth goal in the tournament and secured him the "Golden Shoe" award for the top scorer.

Maradona clinched victory for Argentina by booting home a long free kick for a goal in the 75th minute.

Maradona was awarded the "Golden Ball" trophy with 175 points as the most valuable player in the tournament in a poll by sports writers and tournament officials. The "Silver Ball" and "Bronze Ball" trophies went to Julio Romero of Paraguay with 110 points and Argentina's Diaz with 64 points.

The "Silver Shoe" scoring trophy went to Maradona with six goals and the "Bronze" shoe trophy to Poland's Andrzej Palasz with five goals.

Details:
SEMI-FINALS: USSR 1 (Ponomarev 49th), Poland 0. Argentina 2 (Diaz 51st, Maradona 72nd), Uruguay 0.
PLAY-OFF FOR THIRD PLACE: Uruguay 1 Poland 1, Uruguay won 5-3 on penalties.
FINAL: Argentina 3 (Alvarez penalty 67th, Diaz 70th, Maradona 75th) USSR 1 (Ponomarev 51st).

Let's cut out all this uncertainty

Spare a thought for the officials of South Melbourne, Brisbane Lions, Footscray, St George and Sydney Olympic. They must be going through hell.

Will they be relegated, won't they be relegated? Will they be re-elected, won't they be re-elected? Dark clouds of uncertainty hang above them.

I am in favor of promotion and relegation and I always have been, but it should be clear-cut. The present situation is undesirable.

The Philips League tells us that the bottom two clubs will be "relegated" but will be able to apply for re-election, along with other clubs that want membership.

That's so much mumbo-jumbo. The fact is that uncertainty abounds — uncertainty that can and should be avoided.

We either have genuine promotion and relegation or we don't. Let the league make a firm policy for next season.

I understand that the current system was implemented to insure the existing league clubs to some extent. I have a high regard for the achievements of these clubs — St George's new grandstand, Adelaide City's incredible

facilities, Heidelberg's move to a new locality and a new ground, APIA's proposed \$1.5 million ground development plan.

Some of the new applicants might do just as well. They must realise, however, that \$100,000 does no longer guarantee success. Budgets of successful clubs now approach the quarter-million dollar mark.

My central argument is that all clubs should know from the kick-off whether or not two of them will go down. There should be no grey areas.

Sentiment must be cast aside. Those who finish at the bottom will have to swallow the bitter pill.

Tough, but that's life.

Had there been some clear-cut rule this year, the clubs that are now at the bottom may have put more effort into avoiding their lowly positions.

It was wise of the league to give the founder clubs three seasons in which to establish themselves. The three years are over now.

During that period, other clubs have been working hard to lift their standards sufficiently to make a bid for league membership. Why should anything stand in their way?

Now let's talk about membership and representation.

In an article some weeks



RALE RASIC

ago I wrote that five clubs were too much for Sydney.

In having such a large representation in the country's top league, Sydney's position is unique in the world. Moenchengladbach in Germany cannot support more than one top club. Split in Yugoslavia has only one, Hajduk, and Mostar has only Velez. London, one of the world's biggest cities, has only Arsenal, Tottenham and Crystal Palace — three clubs for about nine million people!

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Croatia, Makedonia clash

Big guns Preston Makedonia and Essendon Croatia clash in the Victorian State League this Sunday.

The big game, at B. T. Connor Reserve, Reservoir, is expected to draw a crowd of at least 5000, and is crucial to the championship hopes of both clubs.

"Soccer Action" has a special full-page preview on page 5.

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SYDNEY CITY	6	1	5	23	18	8	2	2	20	7	43:25	1	32
HEIDELBERG UTD	7	4	1	18	10	5	3	4	20	17	38:27	1	32
BRISBANE CITY	7	2	3	20	11	6	3	3	16	15	36:26	1	32
Adelaide City	4	3	4	15	14	7	3	3	25	12	40:26	1	29
Newcastle KB	6	4	2	21	12	4	4	4	18	17	39:29	1	29
West Adelaide	6	2	5	17	11	4	2	5	11	17	28:28	1	25
APIA-Leichhardt	5	2	5	14	15	5	1	6	12	16	26:31	0	23
Canberra City	2	4	6	11	21	4	4	4	13	14	24:35	0	20
Brisbane Lions	4	1	7	15	24	3	5	4	10	14	25:38	0	20
Sydney Olympic	2	3	7	8	14	5	2	5	15	13	23:27	0	19
Footscray JUST	4	1	7	12	19	3	2	7	12	20	24:39	0	17
St. George BSC	3	3	6	12	20	3	2	7	13	22	25:42	0	17
South Melbourne	3	2	7	15	18	2	1	9	6	25	21:42	0	13

PHILIPS LEAGUE TEAM OF WEEK

BOLAND (2)
(Sth Melb)

WILLIS (1) VZENDOORN (3) SNEDDON (1) CURRAN (4)
(Newc) (H'berg) (Newc) (Newc)

VILLANI (2) OLLERTON (3) ROONEY (3)
(Adel C.) (Foots) (H'berg)

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APIA 1 ST. GEORGE 0. Ratings by Alex Vesel:

APIA: Woodhouse 9, Skellern 7, Dempsey 8, Wilson 8, Turnbull 8, Rampanti 7, Stone 8, Butler 7 (Pullean 74) Samuels 7, Vernon (81) Drews 8, O'Donnell 8.

ST GEORGE: Fraser 9, Harris 8, Utjesanovic 8, Grosse 7, R. O'Shea 7, J. O'Shea 8, Gnevi 5, Mihajlovic 6 (Katholos 8 — 52), Henaman 7, Cotton 5, O'Connor 8.

OLYMPIC 0 SYDNEY CITY 1: Ratings by Peter Scott:

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 7, McIntosh 7, Rowden 6, (Jamieson 59th min), Bell 8, Wilson 7, Cross 6, Laing 7, (Alnall 83rd min), Raskopoulos 7, Scott 7, Eaton 7, Jennings 6.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 8, Mullen 8, Kershaw 6, O'Connor 7, Bruce 7, Stevenson 7, Barnes 8, Souness 8, Watson 7, Tranter 7, Silva 8.

CANBERRA 0 ADELAIDE CITY 2: Ratings by Peter Windsor.

CANBERRA CITY: Hozowski 7, Moulie 7, Milovanovic 8, Davies 7, Brown 6, Cant 7, (Kawalewa 75th), Lustica 6, Farrell 7, Byrne 7, Stark 8, McLaren 7.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 8, Russell 7, Perin 7, B. Nyakohus 7, Muniz 7 (Melta 57th), Northcote 7, Dodds 7, Marrochi 7, Kent 7, J. Nyakohus 8, Villani 8.

WEST ADELAIDE 0 SOUTH MELBOURNE 1: Ratings by Meno Toutsidis.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 9, Tymczyszyn 8, Panteareas 6, McCulloch 6, (Batchelor), Kambas 6, Jones 7, Boyle 7, Dooley 6 (Zervas), Kosmina 6, Honeyman 6, McGregor 7.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Boland 9, Pye 7, Kalefatis 7, Baxter 8, Scarfett 6 (Carr), Christopoulos 7, Lutton 7, Evans 7, Wright 7, Kakantonis 6, Ristovski 8.

NEWCASTLE KB UTD 2 MARCONI 1: Ratings by Joe Lanzoni.

NEWCASTLE: Dando 8, Willis 8, Sneddon 8, Drinkwater 8, Curran 10, Cowburn 7, Senkalski 7, Tredinnick 8, Heys 8, Boden 9, McClelland 8 (Mason 77th).

MARCONI: Maher 7, Brogan 7, Russell 7, Praskalo 7, Degney 8, Byrne 8, Vieri 6 (Mariani 66th), Lindsay 6, Jenkovics 7, Krncevic 6, Sharne 7.

BRISBANE CITY 2 FOOTSCRAY 1: Ratings by Bruce Weddell.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 8, Perry 8, Ratcliffe 8, Potter 8, Wilkinson 8, Pimblett 8, Coyne 7, Gaffney 7 (Echevarria 65th), Brusasco 6 (Kalso 6, 46th), Campbell 8, Low 7.

FOOTSCRAY: Potter 7, Ristic 7, O'Reilly 7, Kondorlos 8, Iloski 8, Ollerton 8, Piccione 6, Jovanovic 6, Palinkas 7, Belic 6 (Vasic 6, 46th), Lujic 7.

HEIDELBERG UTD 0 BRISBANE LIONS 0: Ratings by Laurie Schwab.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 7, McMillan 7, Bannan 8, Yzendoorn 7, Tansey 8, Campbell 7, Taylor 7, Rooney 8, Cole 5, (Bozbas 65th), Paton 8, Buljevic 8.

BRISBANE LIONS: Lownds 7, Onton 7, Bennett 8, Hermiston 8, Lavalle 8, Conner 5, Spearritt 6, Millman 7, Hughes 5, Fairbrother 5, Brennan 7.

HEIDELBERG UTD 2 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1: Ratings by Laurie Schwab.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 7, McMillan 6, Yzendoorn 9, Provan 5, Tansey 7, Salamidis 5, Bannan 8, Rooney 9, Cole 5, Paton 8, Buljevic 6.

OLYMPIC: Meier 7, McIntosh 7, Bell 7, Wilson 8, Rowden 7, (Jamieson 85th), Laing 6, Raskopoulos 6, Cross 7, Jennings 7, (Alnall 85th), Scott 8, Eaton 6.

Leading averages:

8.0 Praskalo (Mar)

7.9 Crook (W. Ad.)

7.8 Perry (BC)

7.7 Potter (BC), Clarke (SC)

7.6 Woodhouse (APIA), Ratcliffe (BC), Lujic (Foots), Campbell, Rooney (H'berg).

7.5 Wilkinson (BC), Hermiston (BL), Buljevic (H'berg), Curran, Drinkwater, Boden (Newc.), Sharne (Marc), 8. O'Connor (SC), Meier (SO).

7.4 Marshall, Russell (AC), Davisa, Milovanovic (Can), Kondorlos (Foots), Bannan (H'berg), Summercales (Newc), Henderson, Jenkovics (Marc), Souness (SC), Bell (SO).



FOUL! Heidelberg captain Pat Bannon (left) grabs Lions midfielder Ron Millman by the arm to keep him from the ball. Col Bennett is in the background. Picture by Steve Chatzis.

This week's Philips League games with likely winners in capitals:

IN MELBOURNE

Footscray JUST v APIA-Leichhardt (draw) at Middle Park, Saturday 3 pm.
SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v Brisbane City at Middle Park, Sunday 3 pm.

IN SYDNEY

Sydney City v HEIDELBERG at Wentworth Park, Sunday 3 pm.
MARCONI v Sydney Olympic at Marconi Stadium, Sunday 3 pm.
St George v NEWCASTLE KB UTD at St George Stadium, Sunday 3 pm.

IN ADELAIDE

ADELAIDE CITY v West Adelaide, Olympic Sports Field, Sunday 2.30 pm.

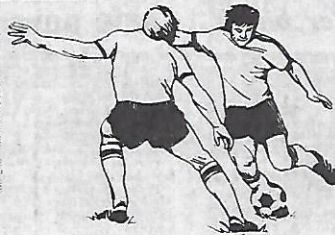
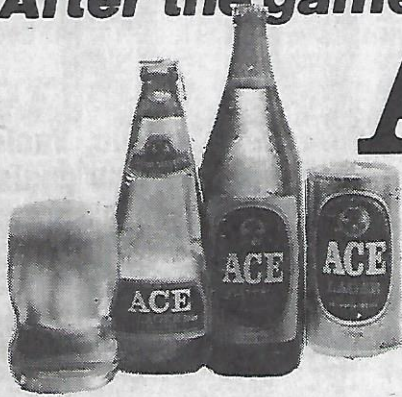
IN BRISBANE

BRISBANE LIONS v Canberra City at Perry Park, Sunday 3 pm.

Next week's matches (final round): Newcastle KB v Footscray, Canberra v Sydney City, APIA v South Melbourne, Sydney Olympic v St George, Heidelberg v Marconi, Adelaide City v Brisbane Lions, Brisbane City v West Adelaide.

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10. Smith (SC).
9. Shame (Mard), Cole (H'berg), T. Byrne (Can), Brennan (BL).
8. Boden (Newc), Deans (AC), Paton (H'berg).
7. Norris, Kosmina (WA), Barnes (SC), P. O'Connor, Cotton (St.G), Drinkwater (Newc), Reed (APIA), Kent (AC), Eaton (SO).
6. Curran, Heys (Newc), Villani, J. Nyskohus (AC), Buljevic (H'berg), Watsls (SC), Picioane (Foots), Kalso (BC).
5. R. Campbell (BC), Stevenson (SC), Evans (SM), Palinkas (Foots).

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4. Boyle (WAI), Jennings (SO), Souness (SC), Lutton (SM), G. Byrne (Marc), Taylor (H'berg), Fairbrother (BL), Caldwell (BC), Butler (APIA), Northcote (AC).
3. Kondarios, Ollerton (Foots), Baxter, Ristovski (SM), Silva, Trentor (SC), Pillans (WA), J. O'Shea (St.G), Mariani, Henderson (Marc), Summerscales (Newc), Grujicic (Can), Spearritt (BL), Coyne (BC), Marwe (AC).

Boden Tor Canberra?

Canberra City had talks with Newcastle KB United striker Ken Boden on Monday. Canberra was said to be considering a deal of between \$30,000 and \$35,000 to sign Boden for next season. Canberra has a link with Newcastle through its manager Max Talbot who was with Newcastle last year. Marconi also is interested in signing Boden. Another player being sought by Marconi is goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse of APIA. APIA meanwhile is trying to sign striker Dixie Deans of Adelaide City.

Top four

The Philips League top four series will start on October 7, with the top team playing the runner-up and the third-placed team meeting the one that finishes fourth.

Programme for the rest of the round-robin series: October 14: 1 v 3; 2 v 4; October 21: 1 v 4, 2 v 3; October 28 and November 4: home and away final between the top two.

Venues will be announced by September 28.

The Philips Cup final, between Adelaide City and St George, will be played at Olympic Sports Field, Adelaide on September 30.

Cup final

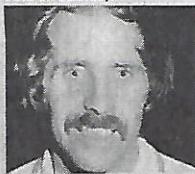
Maroubra Bay High School and Cranbrook College will contest the final of the Lord Mayor's Cup competition on Sunday.

It will be played as the curtain-raiser to the PSL clash between Sydney City and Heidelberg at Wentworth Park in Sydney.

FOOTSCRAY STRONGER FOR

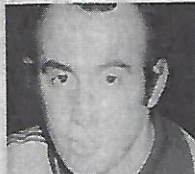
By LAURIE SCHWAB

Midfielder Miro Rujovic and left back Igor Hazabent return after suspension to resume Footscray J.U.S.T.'s determined fight against possible relegation in the match against APIA at Middle Park on Saturday.



J.U.S.T. must grab at least a point as it has an even tougher match in Newcastle the following week.

Only goal difference keeps J.U.S.T. ahead of second-last St. George, which appears to have little chance of beating Newcastle at home this week. However, the Saints should get at least one point from their last match, against Olympic next week.



J.U.S.T. was unlucky not to at least draw with Brisbane City after fighting back from a two-goal deficit last week. Vlatko Belic missed a couple of chances early and Dragan Vasic blasted past from point-blank range after Jim Kondarios' goal had reduced the lead-way. Lujic and Palinkas also missed easy chances.

With Rujovic and Hazabent back on action, J.U.S.T. certainly has the talent to worry APIA. However Peter Wilson and Jim Dempsey are formidable hurdles.

Previous results: (using Western Suburbs as APIA): 1977-78: 2-1, 0-0; 1978-79: 3-2, 0-0; 1979-APIA 3-2.

Doug Utesenovic and Mike Fraser are in magnificent form for St. George but even they will find it difficult to cope with Newcastle, which still has aspirations of getting into the top four.

Having knocked off Marconi last Sunday, Newcastle is fired up for its clash with the Saints, who may have to wait for the following week to make its last stand.

Previous results, 1978-St. G. 2-1, Newc 3-2; 1979-Newc 4-2.

APIA GAME

Marconi will be strengthened by the return of Tony Henderson for its match against another relegation candidate, Sydney Olympic, at Marconi Oval on Sunday. Henderson missed the match against Newcastle due to suspension.

Ken Wilson, Richie Bell, Ian Rowden and Dave McIntosh, assisted by Mike Cross and Peter Raskopoulos and backed by the brilliant Gary Meier, form a formidable defence for Olympic.

However, Marconi has had its pride hurt by Newcastle and is determined to make amends in front of its home crowd.

Previous results, 1977-Mar 2-0, 0-0; 1978-1-1, 0-0; 1979-Mar 3-4.

Sydney City and Heidelberg will fight it out for second place on the ladder, at Wentworth Park on Sunday.

Hilton Silva, having scored in three successive matches, is recapturing his best form after a disappointing run, and Alan Kershaw is doing an excellent job in defence for City.

Heidelberg's midfielders Jim Campbell and Ken Taylor, who were still recovering from injuries last week, should be back at their best on Sunday. With Branko buljevic, Jamie

Paton, Jimmy Rooney, Pat Bannon and Jim Tansey also in top form, Heidelberg should score a narrow victory.

Previous results, 1977-SC 3-1, 1-1; 1978-SC 2-1, 1-1; 1979-2-2.

Brisbane City, which was far from impressive against Footscray last Sunday, puts its top-four position in jeopardy when it visits Melbourne to meet Hellas at Middle Park on Sunday.

Hellas gained much-needed confidence from its 1-0 victory over West Adelaide last week and if the players put their mind to it, they could beat the Brisbane side.

Hellas fielded a reshuffled team against West Adelaide, with young Peter Spearritt from Hellas' Second Division team, in defence, and another young player, Steve Kakantonis, at centre forward.

Previous results, 1977-BC 2-0, SM 1-0; 1978-BC 1-0, SM 3-4; 1979-BC 1-0.

Brisbane Lions, a relegation prospect last week, is now safe and should climb even further up the ladder by beating struggling Canberra City in Brisbane.

Previous results, 1977-Can 1-0, SM 2-1; 1978-Can 2-1, 2-2; 1979-BL 2-1.

Cities not big enough for so many clubs

There used to be more, but as it turned out, not even London could support so many in the top division.

Munich has two Bundesliga teams — Bayern and 1860 — but one of them is destined to struggle. In the early days 1860 was the giant, now Bayern has gained the upper hand and 1860 jumps from First Division to Second Division like a yo-yo.

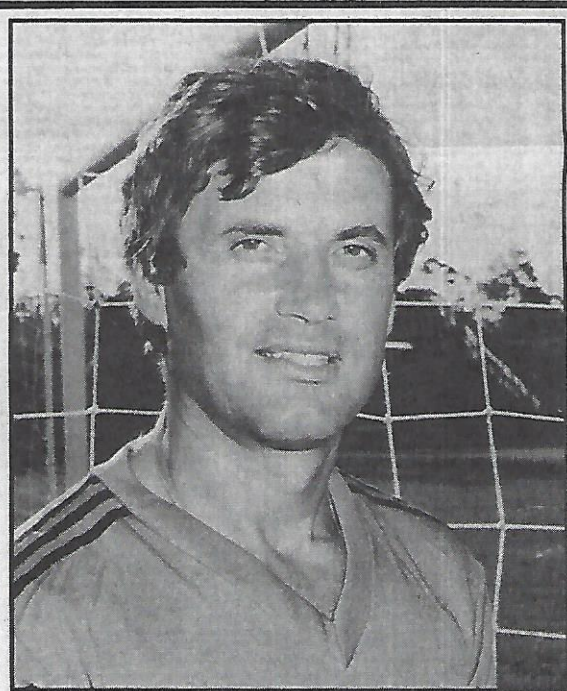
Now to the Australian scene: If Sydney is over-represented with five teams for just over four million people, then surely it is lunacy to start talking about having two clubs for little Canberra or Newcastle.

Even Brisbane is over-represented by its two clubs.

The argument that there should be a home match in these centres every week carried little weight. Surely it would be of great benefit to soccer in general, i.e. clubs from the local leagues, if a Philips League match were played in places like Brisbane, Canberra or Newcastle only every second week.

We've heard recently that Wollongong is now making a bid to get into the league. This would give New South Wales a representation of SEVEN!

Why? If we are serious about having a NATIONAL LEAGUE, surely it would be more logical to look to Whyalla, Geelong, Tasmania, the Latrobe Valley, Western Australia, rather than putting most of the emphasis on one particular State.



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The "Soccer Action" goalkeeper of the year will receive a Seiko watch from Konstantine Jewel Box, Melbourne.

The winner will be the goalkeeper who has appeared most often in the "Soccer Action" team of the week.

This week's top goalkeeper is DENNIS BOLAND of South Melbourne. Martyn Crook (West Ad) leads in the voting.

Peter Scott

Joe Lanzoni

Laurie Schwab

Meno Toutsidis

Bruce Waddell

Alex Vesic

Peter Windsor

Silva back in top form

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0
SYDNEY CITY 1

Scorer: Silva (48th min).
Venue: Barton Stadium.
Crowd: 2649.
Weather: Overcast, very warm.

Referee: Jim Reeves 7.
Cautions: Trenter (SC).

Sydney City won this match easier than the narrow score would indicate and could have rattled in several more goals, but allowed several gilt edged chances to go begging.

Coach Gerry Chaldi must have one eye laughing because of the valuable win — his team's third in a row — and the other crying as a result of the indecisiveness of his strikers.

In the cut-throat atmosphere of the top four playoffs no team can afford the luxury of allowing sitters to go to waste with an almost monotonous regularity.

As for Olympic, they tried very hard indeed, occasionally even threatened to go into the lead, but never really matched City for skill, and if they are to regain the support of their thousands of missing fans new blood and ideas will be needed next year.

City started the match with real verve and élan. Trenter was hustling and busting up the front, giving the Olympic defence some very anxious moments indeed, especially in the air.

In spite of this Olympic almost opened the scoring in the eighth minute when, with Clarke caught out of position Kershaw had to hook the ball off the line in a scramble — but only as far as Derek Laing.

Laing then calmly proceeded to head the ball past the goal, with the whole City defence in tatters.

With that Olympic just about shot its bolt, although never allowing its opponents to feel too comfortable or secure.

Barnes, Souness, Bruce and Barnes again went very, very close to opening the score, but the noisy crowd had to wait until two minutes into the second half before Hilary Silva hit home a ball which rebounded off Gary Meier.

Silva had probably his best game of what has so far been a very undistinguished campaign for him.

City's longest serving player, the friendly Brazilian has been playing in the Blue and White colours since 1971 — a run only interrupted by a broken leg in the same year and a long, frustrating spell on the bench during Dave MacLaren's "reign" as coach.

Last year he was on the brink of Soccerco selection, but 1979 saw a sudden, inexplicable slump in Silva's fortunes.

On last Sunday's evidence the former Vasco de Gama star is on the way back.

The final bit of excitement in a fairly satisfactory afternoon of soccer came nine minutes from the end when a flying squad of Olympic officials had to work hard to intercept a small group of would-be linesman bashers, who were displeased with a rather unimportant line call.

Hats off to the officials for quickly defusing a potentially ugly situation.

And hats off also to former Soccerco defender Richie Bell, who took some time to get big Mark Trenter's measure, but after that early uncertainty put on a polished and pleasing display of backline work.

Bell's penalty miss costly

HEIDELBERG UTD 2
SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1

Scorer: Heidelberg: Paton 1st min, Zvendorn 77th; Olympic: Eaton 70th.
Ground: Olympic Park.
Crowd: About 2000.
Referee: Chris Brambridge 8.
Cautions: Rowden (BO).

The absence of injured midfielders Jim Campbell and Ken Taylor had a marked effect on Heidelberg's play, but there was no excuse for the ineffectiveness of some of the players.

This was one of Heidelberg's poorer performances. Had it

Curran lands killer blows

NEWCASTLE KB 2
MARCONI 1

Scorer: Curran (New) 23rd & 55th; Jankovics 25th.
Ground: International Sports Centre.
Weather: Fine.
Cautions: 10th Degney (M) 87th Russell (M).
Crowd: 12448.

Referee: Des Miles 6.
Newcastle KB United completely erased their mediocre performance of the previous week against Sydney City by outplaying the 1979 PSL Champions Marconi.

It was one of the most "gutty" performance the team has produced this year, although Bill Summerscales was still on the sidelines with knee trouble. His replacement John Sneddon, playing for the first time in his favorite position of central defender, had a magnificent game against the PSL leading goalscorer, Mark Jankovics.

The first half was even and although the tactics Newcastle had to adopt to upset the champions were quite obvious, I thought that Newcastle did not carry out what it wanted to do. Newcastle would have been Alan Vest's instructions in the first half.

Although all players worked hard there was still too much latitude given to the Marconi backline and midfield. Vert and Byrne were occasionally managing to find space and time to serve their front runners with some useful balls.

Ivo Prskalo also was able to dictate the pace of the game and start most moves in what has been one of the Marconi trade marks this season.

It was to the credit of Newcastle's defence that the Marconi strikers were kept in check.

But with the score 1-1 at half time I felt that a continuation of the same tactics could have spelled disaster for the home side. Eventually the strikers would have eluded their markers and goals would certainly have resulted.

But obviously Vest got his message across at the interval, because Newcastle came out to a different team.

The locals took the initiative by taking the game up to their more illustrious opponents and applied attack and pressure to the home side. Newcastle was the team available in the first half, gone was the time that Prskalo found in the first half, and the well-oiled Marconi machine was not allowed to function.

I might add that there was not a great deal of difference between the first half and second half tactics adopted by Newcastle. They merely took up a couple of metres of slack space between their opponent in possession.

It took Newcastle only 10 minutes to get in front again, and it was Col Curran who scored when he received a clearance 28 metres out and unleashed a great left-foot drive that took a slight deflection before beating Maher, the Marconi goalkeeper.

It was Curran's second goal, having put the locals in front in the first half when he broke through the advancing Marconi defence following a corner and gave Maher no chance when he received a clearance 28 metres out and unleashed a great left-foot drive that took a slight deflection before beating Maher, the Marconi goalkeeper.

Newcastle did not have a bad player on the park, and it is a little unfair to single out players, but how can one overlook the performance of Col Curran?

Spurred on by the fact that he was marking Peter Sharne, the fastest player in the PSL, Curran certainly proved that he can still play at the best of them and when he does not neglect his defensive duties there is not a better left fullback in Australia.

After all, Richie Bell did miss a penalty for Olympic. Luckily for Heidelberg, that penalty miss drained the Olympic players of much of their enthusiasm and for the rest of the match they did not play as well as they had in the first half.

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not been for the extraordinary efforts of John Zvendorn, and Jimmie Rooney, Heidelberg would have drawn this match, or possibly lost it.

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Lions are safe now

HEIDELBERG UTD 0
BRISBANE LIONS 0

Ground: Olympic Park.
Weather: Fine, windy.
Crowd: About 2500.
Referee: Graham Neel 9.
Cautions: Zvendorn (H) for foul on Lavelle.

The point Lions gained from this draw lifted them clear of danger and left St. George, Footscray and Sydney Olympic to draw the short straw for second-last position and possible relegation from the Phillips League.

The Lions players jumped for joy when they heard after the game that the Footscray St. George and Olympic had all been beaten.

This draw with Heidelberg extended Lions' unbeaten run to six matches.

Lions' late-season success has been built largely on their centre backs Jim Hermiston and Col Bennett. John Lavelle may be a comparative unknown to most, but he has been his illustrious team-mates last Sunday.

Lavelle was brought close to Hermiston and Bennett by Gary Cole, who would have found it easier had he stayed wide instead of crowding in on the centre.

This resulted in a three-man wall of Bennett, Lavelle and Hermiston blocking most of the Heidelberg chances.

But even they would have been helpless had luck not been on Lions' side. Heidelberg had most of the play — as one would expect against a team looking for a draw — but missed its many chances in front of goal.

Lions had far fewer chances but they were good ones. Hermiston and Bennett, for example, hit the woodwork from only 12 metres and Tony Brennan blasted over the bar from the edge of the goal area after having dived about 25 metres on a breakaway run.

By dropping this point, Heidelberg finally conceded the title to Marconi which, however, lost 1-2 to Newcastle.

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The opening goal, however, was a gem. Cole pushed the ball out to Rooney who delayed for a moment before pushing it square across goal for Jamie Paton to slip it home neatly, making the score 1-0 to Heidelberg after only a minute.

Ristovski in fine form

WEST ADELAIDE 0
SOUTH MELBOURNE 1

Scorer — Baxter penalty 71st minute.
Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium.
Crowd: 3,100.
Weather: Warm.
Cautions: Kalafatis, Evans (South Melbourne).
Referee: Richard Lorenc 8.

South proved it was a much better side than its 0-3 loss to Adelaide City had indicated the previous week, while West Adelaide showed it will have to improve dramatically if it is to stop Adelaide City on Sunday.

On current form, Adelaide City should get a bonus point and Rale Rasic's men probably will be aiming for just that, with a top four spot still within their reach.

West looked promising in the first half and was worth a two goal lead at half time.

But poor finishing which has been its downfall this season haunted it again.

Peter Boyle headed wide in the 10th minute from a Graham Honeyman pass and 15 minutes later Honeyman crossed to the far post but Ian McGregor headed over the bar from six metres with South's defence in a mess.

Honeyman himself had an excellent opportunity in the 37th minute but his header was scrambled off the line.

That was the end of West's resistance and it did little after that.

Mendo Ristovski turned the match towards South with a brilliant second half in which he tormented young full back Nick Pantaras who had looked very good in the first half.

Ristovski ripped past him on several occasions in the second half but fortunately for West Ian Kambas and David Jones blocked his crosses.

Ristovski gave South's first glimmer of hope when he crossed to Sammy Wright who shot over the bar.

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Belic, Vasic miss goals

BRISBANE CITY 2
FOOTSCRAY 1

Scorer: City — Campbell 35th, Low 57th. Footscray — Kondarios 83rd.
Ground: Perry Park.
Crowd: 2,560.
Weather: fine and warm.
Referee: Bob Mea 6.
Cautions: Wilkinson (BC), Jovanovic (F).

Brisbane City escaped by the skin of its teeth when it hung on grimly to beat Footscray 2-1 at Perry Park.

The only good thing to come out of the match from City's point of view was that the two points enabled it to draw level with Heidelberg to maintain the challenge for a top four position.

City began the match tentatively, in contrast to its usual Robby Drews style, but was no doubt conscious that Newcastle KB and Adelaide City had pulled up to within a point with wins the previous day.

Yet later on, City had Footscray by the throat when it led 2-0, and was in a great position to make it a bonus point and make its position near the top all that much safer.

But things did not work that way. Coach Nereo Satic, in his wisdom, decided to replace the busy Larry Gaffney with Robert Vasic, who does not seem fully fit, and who had played a half in an earlier reserve game.

Footscray had the better of the early part of the first half, and but for a couple of glaring misses by striker Vasic, could well have been in a commanding position by halftime.

As it was, City's defence did enough to keep out of trouble, and in the 35th minute, hard-working striker Bobby Campbell snatched the important breakthrough.

Kevin Low and Gaffney combined for some skilful interpassing in the box and it made the opening for Campbell, who contorted himself to just beat the diving Steve Potter with a neat header into the corner.

Barry Kelso replaced Mark Brusasco at halftime and immediately made his presence felt when he combined on the left with Campbell and Low, with the goal at his mercy, was far too slow and Peter O'Neil came close to pounce.

Footscray's half-time substitute Dragan Vasic burst through in the 33rd minute but rolled his shot just wide, and at the other end Low almost surprised Potter, but he recovered to stop the ball.

Then City grabbed its second goal. John Coyne supplied a perfect curling corner, Campbell won it and Low turned in the goal-mouth to rifle his shot past Potter.

It was at this point that City really should have killed Footscray off, but the chances continued to go begging, a fault which later was to cost Footscray a badly needed point.

Low burst away on the right and had only Potter to beat, but decided to square to Coyne, whose shot hit the crossbar.

Skipper Jim Kondarios moved up front for Footscray, and with Peter Ollerton firing late in the game, the panic stations appeared in the home side.

Footscray eventually scored seven minutes from the end when an Ollerton free kick was neatly headed in by Kondarios after he had positioned himself perfectly.

Footscray missed a number of other reasonable chances but perhaps the most glaring was with only two minutes left, when Lujic skipped around the defence, crossed the goalmouth and Vasic somehow blasted wide of the vacant net.

at Gary Meier who was making his comeback after injury.

Heidelberg's best attempt for the half was a 25-metre drive by Paton, which Meier did well to turn for a corner. Rooney took the corner and Meier, under pressure, turned the ball into his own net, but referee Chris Brambridge ruled that Meier had been fouled and disallowed the goal.

Olympic retaliated with Rowden overlapping and sending over a cross that bounced off the top of the crossbar.

Buljevic trapped the ball with his chest, but as it came off him, Olympic sweeper Ken Wilson had a fine game, dashed into the clear.

Then Paton passed first-time to Cole who ran into the area but shot poorly, straight

Lady Luck with APIA

APIA 1
ST GEORGE 0

Scorer: Drews 44th.
Ground: Wentworth Park.
Crowd: 2026.
Weather: Fine and sunny.
Referee: Tony Boskovic 10.
Cautions: Skellern (A), Mihajlovic (St.G.).

APIA and St George, two Sydney clubs with great tradition and standing, proved that they can play entertaining and skilful soccer worthy of the best in the land despite their low position on the Phillips League ladder.

APIA came into the game minus Ken Reed and Eric Caruthers, with young Samuels and Drews replacing them, while St George had no injuries or suspensions.

APIA opened up strongly and had Saints reeling in the first 15 minutes of the first half, then slowly allowed St George to get on top and dominate the proceeding until the break. During this period, Saints had opportunities to rape the game up and look towards better things for the next year. As it was, they missed chances and then paid dearly for it.

A fine break by O'Connor in the 10th minute led to the first chance in this match. A final shot by O'Connor from an angle looked set to drop over the head of Woodhouse, but the reflex of this young goalie proved yet again his enormous value to APIA as he sprung into the air to push the ball over the bar.

In the 22nd minute O'Connor rapped Skellern and squared the ball to John O'Shea, who pushed the ball past Woodhouse. Cotton, who just stood waiting for Turnbull to clear with the goal wide open, should have made more of it.

A couple of minutes later, Mihajlovic found Cotton with a long pass. Cotton raced down the line before pushing the ball for Hensman to race into the area and face the goalkeeper. From point blank range, Hensman pushed the ball wide of the post.

With Saints still attacking strongly and just minutes from half time, Johnny O'Shea had an ideal opportunity, but blasted the ball over the bar when only the goalkeeper stood before him. Seconds later Woodhouse made a brilliant save following a thunderbolt by Mihajlovic from some ten metres away.

After all this happening in front of APIA goal, Skellern raced away down the right flank and crossed into the area for Drews to outjump Grosse and head right into the left hand corner of Fraser's net and give his side the most unexpected lead.

In the second half, the story changed somewhat and APIA were now the team that was frustrated by the number of misses in front of goal. After a fine run, Bobby Drews should have scored in the 58th minute but shot weakly and Fraser saved.

A third chance for APIA came after a fumble by George Harris. Bobby Drews was on the spot to pick up the ball and face Fraser, but yet again failed to beat the Saints keeper.

Raul Blanco replaced Mihajlovic, then Harris with Kanhole and Penoughy respectively hoping to add more thrust up forwards.

A couple of half chances fell Saints' way but Wilson managed to clear on both occasions off.

With Harris out of Saints line up, APIA attacked consistently through the vacant area with O'Donnell causing havoc. Jim Dempsey could have made it 2-0 in the 84th minute but shot over the bar following a corner kick.

breathed a collective sigh of relief, Jim Tansey galloped forward, dribbled around Dave McIntosh and Bell, but hit his shot at Meier from 10 metres.

Buljevic, who had dropped back and was now storming out of defence, spotted a good by on the other side, so he angled a brilliant long pass towards the big striker. Rowden couldn't cut it out with his head, so he caught the ball instead, and was shown the yellow card.

In the 67th minute Rooney aimed a measured side-footed cross towards the goal, but Meier stretched his full length to push it against the bar and over for a corner.

Eaton headed just wide

from a Raskopoulos free kick but made amends in the 70th minute with an excellent header into the net from a Derek Laing cross, for Olympic's equaliser. Eaton had appeared to be offside, but the linesman didn't notice.

Two minutes later Paton put the ball into the net at the other hand but Brambridge spotted a handball offence and disallowed the goal.

Then Paton was fouled as he ran onto a pass, and Heidelberg was given a free kick. Buljevic took it and sent the ball bouncing off the corner of the woodwork. Zvendorn, ghosting in on the blind side of the defence, was there to put the ball away for the winning goal. — LAURIE SCHWAB.

Villani rocks Canberra

CANBERRA CITY 0
ADELAIDE CITY 2

Scorer: Villani (2) 11th, 84th.
Ground: Bruce Stadium.
Crowd: 2,314.
Weather: Clear.
Referee: Stuart Mellings.
Cautions: Davies (C).

Adelaide City kept alive its final four hopes with a professional 2-0 win over Canberra. And what a find coach Rale Rasic has in 16 year old Charlie Villani.

It was the youngster who netted both goals — one in each half.

For any Rasic-coached side, Adelaide is tight in defence. But in this squad Rasic also has players capable of scoring once defence is turned into attack with lightning speed.

Players such as the youthful Villani, Johnny Nyskohus, Gary Marocchi and second half replacement for Aenor Munir, Sergio Mella.

Canberra City, in contrast, attacked incessantly — but lacked that extra turn of speed and quick reflex once near goal.

Territorially, Canberra would have 70 per cent of the game — but still lost.

Its lack of power in front of goal — and two disastrous defensive blunders — caused the defeat.

Last season Canberra dropped its bundle and lost its last five games and finished second to bottom. Its fans seemed destined for something similar this season.

Canberra must make some amends in its final two games. An away draw in Brisbane and a final home game win would go some way to restoring the fans' faith and loyalty.

But they will have to show much more discipline in defence.

Against Adelaide, Canberra started well when Bernard Lustica burst through, but his lack of speed enabled him to be caught and dispossessed.

Isaac Farrell find Don MacLaren and the young striker brilliantly took his chance but allowed Adelaide's keeper Peter Marshall to deflect the shot for a corner.

Then, straight from the clearance of the corner, Adelaide went upfield and scored.

Skipper John Brown mistimed a header when he had all the time in the world to play safe. Johnny Nyskohus gladly gathered, showed fine perception and quick-thinking in spite of that Villani had been left loose, and floated over a cross.

Canberra keeper Steve Hoszowski tried desperately to dive at Villani's feet but the Adelaide striker rounded Hoszowski and then punted the ball into the net.

The game was only 11 minutes old and although for the remainder of the half Canberra launched many attacks, Adelaide's tight defence was never cracked.

The second half was three minutes old when young Villani had the chance to seal the game even at that point.

He broke a tackle and sped goalwards with only Hoszowski to beat. Instead of shooting, Villani chose to try to dribble a yard home, but lost the gamble when Hoszowski showed courage and skill in diving at Villani's feet.

Back came Canberra and midfielder Johnny Davies had a chance but shot wide from close range.

An Adelaide attack seemed to have been repulsed, when the ball was booted to young Lustica on the right hand side of the field. Lustica chose, inexplicably, to bring it back towards his own goal, was robbed by Villani and with the defence caught spreadeagle Villani was able to put the ball into the net and seal the game.

— LAURIE SCHWAB.

Western Suburbs to boost the State League

Championship at Pocock's first attempt

By LAURIE SCHWAB

CLUB TO WORK ON GROUND

Western Suburbs hope to stay at their home ground in Ralph Street, Sunshine, next season.

Club chairman Emmanuel Parisi said this week he had talked with Commissioner Gillon and the City Engineer and Town Planner of Sunshine about improvements to the ground.

"They are happy with our proposals and with their help, our ground will be as good as some others in the State League," Mr Parisi said.

"We want to move the pitch a few feet towards the Glengalla Road end, we want to put in a new training pitch at the golf course end and we want to build new dressing rooms. We have asked the City to supply the material and we will do the work ourselves."

MCCARTHY, MIMIS TIMELY RECRUITS

Tsabatidis showed a lot of daring in taking the financial risk of signing the former captain of Greece, Mimis Papatouanous, for the second half of the 1979 season.

Papatouanous cost Tsabatidis a small fortune but contributed by scoring six league goals and setting up others for team mates.

West's chairman Emmanuel Parisi gets the credit for pushing through the signing of Ray Pocock from Sunshine City, and his appointment as player-coach.

Pocock, former Australian, Victorian and NSW representative, probably was West's best player over the season, he scored regularly and he moulded a tough, determined, well-organised team to play as well as to overcome injuries to key players like Jaworski and Glykokalamos and hanging on to clinch the championship.

Pocock, whose coaching methods are based on those of his former boss Ray Ristic, had the courage to stand up for his beliefs. When Papatouanous and Glykokalamos failed to turn up at the ap-

Calling all members

Western Suburbs have appealed to all members to turn up to the annual meeting at the Ralph Street ground on September 30.

The club has about 100 financial members.

"We want them all there so that we can elect an enlarged committee," club chairman Emmanuel Parisi said.

"We want people with ideas and who are willing to work."



IAN MCCARTHY, midfielder, a valuable mid-season acquisition from Green Gully Ajax. One of the league's longest-serving players, McCarthy wore the colors of Lions Melbourne and Sunshine before joining Ajax.



MIMIS PAPAIOUANOUS, 38, striker, former captain of Greece and AOK Athens, all-time top goalscorer and record international player. He was a long-time representative who played league games, in which he scored six goals. Has since returned home.



RAY POOCK, 33, player-coach, struck, bought this year for \$3000 from Sunshine, and replaced Jim Pyrgos as coach. Former Victorian representative who played for Melbourne, Canterbury-Merriville and Marconi.



MARK KARAPATSOS, midfielder or centre back, left for Greece mid-way through the season. Played originally for Alexander and during the off season.



MIKE GLYKOKALAMOS, 32, centre back, signed from Fitzroy-Alexander (Heddon) mid-season. Was captain of West team, in Greece, and best defender in the league this year.



JIM "DAXI" KYPRITIDIS, 26, right back, started with the West Sunshine junior team, after a brief spell with ICI Deer Park in 1969.



JIMMY DAPERIS, left back, joined West early this year from Albion Rovers, Melbourne Italia.



BERNIE PARKIN, centre back or midfielder, joined West from Sunshine City this year. Was previously with Hakoah.



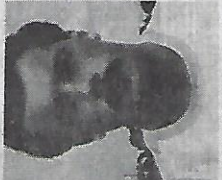
MARIAN JAWORSKI, 27, centre back, signed from Sunshine City this year. Was with Acker as a junior.



GEORGE THEODORIDIS, 26, after Kypritiadis, he is West's longest-serving player. Tricky forward with good skills.



ANDY CZARNIK, midfielder, former captain of Sunshine City. Was with Jaworski early in 1976.



STEVE MOORE, 23, midfielder, crossed from Albion Rovers to West. Was a goalscorer with outstanding all-round ability.

THE LEADERS Melbourne was tough



Western Suburbs did slightly better in the 1979 season, gaining 17 points in the second half.

However, it lost only one in the second half, whereas it has two losses in the first round.

Melbourne is the only team which did not manage to beat — and Melbourne has been relegated.

Both games between the two ended in 1-1 draws.

Western Suburbs' first-round record was:

W D L F A Pts
8 1 2 18 6 17

West's second-round record:

W D L F A Pts
6 4 1 18 11 16

West's results were:
v Polonia 2-3, 1-0
v Kellie City 1-0, 3-0
v Springfield 2-1, 2-1
v Moreland 2-0, 2-1
v Ringwood City 1-0, 2-2
v Melbourne 1-1, 1-1
v Dandenong 1-0, 2-1
v Acker 2-0, 1-1
v Box Hill 3-0, 2-2

Final First Division table of 1979:

West	Suburbs	Polonia	Kellie City	Springfield	Moreland	Ringwood City	Melbourne	Dandenong	Acker	Box Hill
14	9	3	2	17	13	11	7	4	2	1
10	7	4	3	18	20	19	15	12	10	8
11	8	4	2	19	20	19	15	12	10	8
12	7	5	3	19	21	20	16	13	11	9
13	7	6	3	20	21	20	16	13	11	9
14	7	7	3	21	21	20	16	13	11	9
15	7	8	3	22	21	20	16	13	11	9
16	7	9	3	23	21	20	16	13	11	9
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18	7	11	3	25	21	20	16	13	11	9
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20	7	13	3	27	21	20	16	13	11	9
21	7	14	3	28	21	20	16	13	11	9
22	7	15	3	29	21	20	16	13	11	9
23	7	16	3	30	21	20	16	13	11	9
24	7	17	3	31	21	20	16	13	11	9
25	7	18	3	32	21	20	16	13	11	9
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JIM TSABATIDIS, club president since 1974, former Wests player who also had a few games with the South Melbourne Hellas reserves in 1981. It was Tsabatidis who was responsible for bringing Mimis Papatouanous to the club.



NICK ADAMIDIS, joined West Sunshine in 1987. Playing as centre forward, he was Wests' top goalscorer and highest scorer in 1989 and continued to excel on the field until he hung up his boots.

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pointed time for the home game against Dandenong, he left both of them out of the opening line-up.

It was Pocock's presence that resulted in Ian McCarthy joining the club when he became dissatisfied at Ajax. McCarthy played alongside Pocock when they were at Sunshine City, and Pocock said that McCarthy had a lot to offer the Wests' team in which lacked running power in midfield.

McCarthy provided that running power and played a vital role in winning the championship.

Mark Karapatsos, the former Australian star, also contributed to Wests' success before he left for Greece. Karapatsos had been with Wests for quite a few seasons but had been in dispute with the club a few times over money. Parisi's diplomatic approach ensured that Karapatsos wore the colors of Wests until he left.

Luck also played its part in Wests' success, particularly in the game against Polonia, which Wests did not deserve to win.

Overall, however, Wests were the best team in the competition, but its players could have performed even better.

West have a few players in mind for next season but firm decisions will not be made before the annual meeting later this month.

Pocock's future with the club is unclear. He has said he does not want to play State League soccer, so if he is retained as coach, he will operate only off the field. Otherwise, he will probably try to get a new job as player-coach of a First Division club.

However, his success with Wests has assured his reappointment — if he accepts.

The only other player in doubt at the moment is Andy Czarnik. He told officials at the start of the year that his heart is with Polonia and that he would probably go back there eventually. He is a former captain of Polonia. Karapatsos is still in Greece but if he comes back, Wests will negotiate with him.

\$1/4 M. budget John Barclay as advisor

From page one

The club hopes to sign several sponsorship deals to finance the projected budget of \$200,000.

"There are 300,000 people in the area," said McCormack, managing director of a real estate company, "and we predict a minimum of 4,000 supporters. This figure is conservative as Wollongong would attract a much larger following with the right promotion work."

The Wollongong club was started using a blueprint of Newcastle KB Utd. Eight directors have been appointed and the search is under way to find a major sponsor.

"We are yet to finalise our sponsorship deals. However, capital will be generated through foundation and life memberships offered to supporters," McCormack said.

Wollongong will play its home games at the city's Showgrounds.

One thing in Wollongong's favor is the support of ASF president Sir Arthur George, who is believed to be keen on getting PSL soccer to the city.

The directors of Wollongong are: Jim McCormack, John Elliot (managing director of Harrigan Ford), Greg Best (area director of the Department of Sport and Recreation), Graham Matthews (accountant), Alan Hoy (executive of TV station WIN4), Harold Hansen (solicitor), Richard Drake (city librarian) and George Ackouie (chairman of Illawarra Ethnic Community Association).

The Canberra Diplomats club is the result of an amalgamation of ACT First Division club West Woden Juveniles and NSW State League club Inter Monaro.

Inter is based at Queanbeyan, only seven miles from West Woden.

The directors of the new club, which will be officially called Canberra Queanbeyan Soccer Club Limited, are: Clarence Hermes, Oswald DaDeppo, Thomas Harding, Hal Leslie, Gerard Martens, John Memmolo, John Bromfield and Francesco Brunacci.

The new club will be backed by the Marco Polo Club of Queanbeyan and the Italo-Australian Club Inc. of West Woden.

Marco Polo Club back Inter Monaro and the Italo-Australian Club backs West Woden.

Each social club will sink \$30,000 into the venture but will have no say in the running of the club.

Commercial sponsors are being sought to provide \$45,000. The club is budgeting to spend \$271,000 in the first year.

Club membership and fund raising is expected to raise \$70,000.

The venture is financially stable, with excellent prospects of growth. The idea originated 18 months ago, but was given a great boost by John Barclay, the former Australian team manager, ASF delegate and Victorian State League chairman.

Barclay has acted an advisor but may become a director of the Diplomats.

The Diplomats who would share Bruce Stadium, maintain Canberra needs a second PSL team to stop a swing away from the sport.

While I was in Canberra last week, I was shown figures that indicate crowds are falling. The attendance of the Canberra City v. Heidelberg Utd game last Saturday was an all-time low since City moved to Bruce Stadium for the 1978 season.

The major reason behind the fall, say the Diplomats, is the irregularity of PSL games in Canberra. The club maintains one game a fortnight is not enough.

The Diplomats' application to the PSL says: "The solid core of soccer supporters has been disappointed as PSL matches are not in Canberra each week and it is submitted that the league risks losing support because of irregular fixtures."

"Weekly PSL games in Canberra will find consistent support and attendances, and in the Board's opinion (the attendances) would remain constant between Canberra City and a second club."

"The Diplomats would inject new life into Canberra soccer and would benefit soccer in general, juniors and Canberra City."

However, City has taken a different view of the situation. In a terse statement, City manager Max Talbot said: "There is not enough support for Canberra to have two PSL clubs. The PSL must make up its mind whether it wants strong clubs, or merely competition within cities."

"Canberra City can be a strong club, but needs more time to consolidate its position."



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Drinkwater to be player of year?

With only two matches to play in the Philips League premiership, Roy Drinkwater who is the team's captain, seems certain to cling to his lead in the club's Player of the Year Award competition.

Drinkwater heads a table of 20 players with an average of 7.75 points after 30 matches this season.

The figure of 30 represents 23 premiership matches, four Cup-ties and three matches of lesser importance such as the Prime Minister's Cup.

Drinkwater's lead is slender. Jim Preston has scored 7.72 points but has played in fewer matches.

Preston has played in only 10 premiership, two Cup-ties and two other matches.

Joe Soudfield, with 16 appearances, is third on the list, almost a quarter of a point behind Drinkwater.

Only four players have appeared in the 23 premiership matches to last Saturday week.

Points for the match against Marconi Fairfield are not yet available and one of them, Ken Boden, was winner of the award last year. But he is in eighth place this year with 7.38 points.

Col Curran who like Drinkwater and Boden, has played in every match this season, is slightly ahead of Boden.

Peter Tredinnick, who has played in all premiership fixtures has also played in three Cup-ties and a Prime Minister's Cup match.

Drinkwater is second on the goal-scoring list with seven-one behind Boden's tally — and one in front of Graham Hays' six.

Plans for new PSL club in Newcastle

Although at present little more than a talking point, the possibility of another team from Newcastle seeking admission to the Philips League grows day by day.

A group of Newcastle professionals and business men, attracted to soccer by the success of Newcastle KB United, has held a number of informal discussions about forming another club.

There is no suggestion of trying to either take over KB United or endeavouring to oust it in any way but simply to give Newcastle a second team in Australia's top soccer competition.

It is argued, and fairly, that the remarkable success of KB United clearly proves that there is room — indeed, even a need — for two division sides. The city is big enough to carry two such teams.

The proposal, at the moment, is at no more than the possibility stage but it seems certain that, from it, something definite will emerge before too long. The date suggested is for an application for admission to the 1981 premiership to be lodged.

These interested men of substance caught up in the enthusiasm KB United has engendered. They insist that they are in no way interested in opposing KB United but are keen to follow its example and consider that a second team in Newcastle is warranted and a natural sequel to the interest the present team has provided.

How Newcastle KB United's Board of Directors view the proposal is not known but members of the Northern NSW Federation Board reaction to it would be interesting since the Federation will launch its State League in 1980 and is hopeful that it will have at least one weekend in every two free of opposition to stage its top fixtures.

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NEW LEAGUE SETS IMPORT QUOTAS

By JACK MATTHEWS

The Northern N.S.W. Soccer Federation's State League competition to begin next season moved a big step forward last Saturday.

Nine of the 10 clubs which have been accepted into the new league were represented at a meeting at Adamstown Rosebush Club and gave positive assurance of their administrative, organising and financial abilities to meet their commitments and the standards required by the Federation.

The one club missing the meeting was Armidale in the N.S.W. New England district, but it provided written guarantees that were acceptable.

The other nine clubs are Adamstown, Wallsend, Swansea-Belmont, Stewarts and Lloyds, Weston, Edgeworth,

Tamworth, Coff's Harbour and Grafton.

It was suggested — and the suggestions will almost certainly be adopted — that the matter of promotion and relegation need not be considered for two or three seasons and that each club be allowed now more than three players who do not hold Australian naturalisation papers.

The promotion-relegation issue was one of considerable concern to the clubs, each of which had to prove ability to meet the \$8000 operating costs.

It was argued, and unanimously accepted, that there must be a reasonable period for clubs to settle down and to have opportunity to recoup the outlay. Since all nine clubs agreed on this point there was little discussion about it.

The restriction as to the number of imported players was another matter quickly and amicably settled since all were agreed on its necessity.

The omission of KB United and Cardiff Clubs, each of which could easily meet the new league's requirements, from the new competition is the most discussed subject in Northern Soccer circles.

There has been no explanation as to why their applications were rejected. It is not likely that there will be one.

The general opinion is that KB United has been shabbily treated by a Federation it has endeavoured to help and that the Federation is being particularly short-sighted in its approach to the matter.

Another subject freely discussed concerns the future of some of the long established clubs in the North which have played in the Northern N.S.W. Federation's First Division competition but which are not in the new league.

These clubs out in the cold and adversely expected to play in a competition of a very minor level, include some with much history and tradition in the code in Australia — such clubs as the famed West Wallsend, Cessnock, Lake Macquarie, Cardiff, Newcastle Austral, all of which have been permanent fixtures in Northern competitions for many years.

Their futures are unknown but seem, at present, to be somewhat bleak to say the least.

It is sad for Soccer when clubs such as those at West Wallsend and Cessnock are missing from the top ranks.

West Wallsend was founded in 1882 and is one of the oldest clubs in N.S.W. It won the much-sought after Gardner Cup six times and has produced a host of international, such players as the almost legendary 'Podge' and Henry Maund, Clarrie Coutts, 'Wagga' James, H. 'Bunny'

Muir and many others. The club's record of success in competition play is unequalled in Australian Soccer.

Cessnock is another club with a long history and a proud record of success. It will be a sorry day for Northern Soccer if Cessnock is kept too long in the shadows.

The clubs from the New England and North Coast districts which will play in the new competition are well advanced in their organisation and give promise of being something of a rod in pickle for the older and well established Newcastle and South Maitland clubs.

Tamworth City will field a strong team and one not lacking in experience. Coached by Jack Routledge, a former Newcastle player, it will include some members who have already made a mark in Soccer of high standards.

Among them is Geoff Allwell, a striker said to have the ability to hold a place in any Philips League team but who is not interested in leaving Tamworth.

Tamworth City has a number of up-and-coming young players who have done well in representative football.

The club has acceptable sponsorship available and already a first-rate playing surface at the highly-regarded Tamworth Showground is being prepared well in advance.

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Armidale United's president, Mr Dudley Butler, who heads an enthusiastic nine-man committee which includes leading business personalities, reports that local interests will sponsor the team.

The players will be coached and captained by Bill Shepherd, a former Scotland Youth international.

He is reported to be a highly skilled coach. Among those in his charge will be the promising 18-year-old Michael Shorter, who toured Europe with a Northern N.S.W. Youth side two years ago.

Grafton, which may change its name to the Clarence Valley Club to identify itself with the big river on which the town is located, has recruited a strong, energetic and imaginative board of management headed by the live-wire Robin Buttin.

Interest in the venture in the thriving town is marked and keen. The club is in the process of arranging sponsorship with five business organisations.

Paul Keogh, a former Newcastle player, will coach the side. He had much coaching experience in the North and has already guided 15 locals through the Preliminary Coaching Course.



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The 12,448 at the International Sports Centre on Saturday when KB United defeated Marconi 2-1 to keep the side's hopes of a place in the top very much alive, was the second biggest crowd for the home team's matches this season.

It was the sixth time in KB United's 12 home matches that the attendance has exceeded 10,000.

The aggregate soared to 125,472 for an average attendance of 10,456.

Add the 47,766 for crowds at the away grounds on which KB United has played and the team has played in front of 173,238 this season.

This is a remarkable effort for a team in only its second year in the Philips League.

The attendance last Saturday would certainly have been much greater had the match not clashed with the Mattara Festival Parade, an event which highlights an important week of various activities to publicise the city.

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It's like Partizan versus Red Star

By RALE RASIC
Adelaide City coach

The Adelaide City v. West Adelaide clash is a game of the giants, comparable with matches between Red Star and Partizan, Manchester City and Manchester United, or Rangers and Celtic.

Irrespective of their standings on the ladder, all clashes between City and West stir the Adelaide public's imagination.

There is special magic about these games and they always draw Adel-

aide's biggest crowds of the season.

West Adelaide may have no chance of getting into the top four but that won't detract from the spectacle. Prestige is at stake, and prestige is not surrendered lightly.

It is unfortunate that so many excellent players will be missing due to injury. Dave Pillans, Barry Reynolds and Vic Bozanic have been out for some time, as have City's Jim Muir and John Besir. Dixie Deans has been suffering from a nagging injury and must be classed as doubtful at this stage.

But the talent that will be on display is quite formidable.

Martyn Crook is probably the finest goalkeeper in the league at the moment, and he will cause my team a lot of problems.

Dave Jones, Peter Boyle, Graham Honeyman and John Kosmina are other West Adelaide players for whom I have great respect.

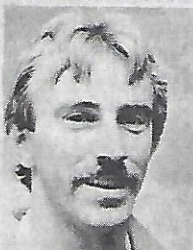
But my own stars should not be underestimated either. West Adelaide knows well the capabilities of Bobby Russell, John Perin, Gary Marocchi (back to his best after injury), the Nyskohus brothers, Glen Dodds, Agenor Muniz, Brian Northcote and the rest.

For Tom Forde and I these are matches that are easy to prepare for. We do not have to motivate the players — they motivate themselves, for they see it as a highlight of the season.

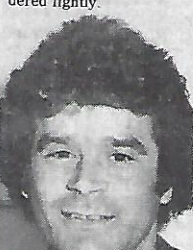
The match will present a contrast of styles, with West Adelaide playing a more direct brand of soccer than City. However, Boyle and Kosmina are capable of changing to whatever style that may be required at any given time.

City has been playing good soccer for most of the season but we haven't been able to finish off in front of goal. That's been our big downfall.

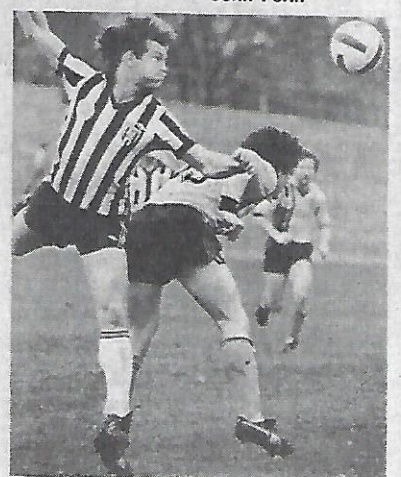
I hope we overcome it on Sunday.



City's New Zealand international Glenn Dodds.



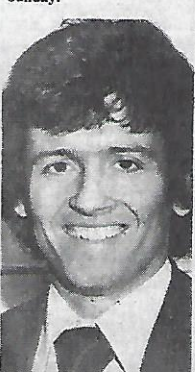
Mr. Juventus, John Perin



Bobby Russell, who joined City from Sydney Croatia early this year, heads clear above Jamie Paton of Heidelberg



City centre back Bugy Nyskohus (left) tackles Bertie Lutton of South Melbourne



Back after injury Gary Marocchi who captained Australia against Greece last year.



West Adelaide, standing from Left: George Kotchelor, Martyn Crook, Con Kambas, Sam Service, Dooley, Tom Forde (coach) Front: Nick Pantaris Boyle, Gordon McCulloch, John Kosmin

City has a over '78

By KYLE PA

Adelaide City has had the better of arch rival West Adelaide since the inception of the Philips League and is likely to record another impressive result to add to its record when the two teams meet at the Olympic Sports Field on Sunday.

Soccerroo in the making

Charlie Villani was playing high school soccer until two years ago. Today he is an automatic choice for the Adelaide City senior team, and he's only 17 years old.

Adelaide City coach Rale Rasic had his first opportunity to watch Villani in action during a South Australian Ampol Cup to experiment with up-and-coming players. Villani was one of them.

At half time of the match against Azzurri, Rasic sought out Villani and said to him: "If you continue playing like that, you will be a full Australian international within two years."

Rasic has been working with Villani daily since then and is full of enthusiastic praise for the player's ability. "He has phenomenal technique, he is terrific in the penalty box, a spot-on goalscorer. He has split-second acceleration and he can play anywhere on the field."

Villani was born in Adelaide of Italian parents who are dedicated totally to his dream of football success at the highest level.

His first representative honors will come soon, as he has been added by coach Rudi Gutendorf to the squad that will contest the finals of the 1981 World Youth Championship.

A quiet, totally dedicated boy, he is benefiting greatly from being in the company of such great players as John Perin, Agenor Muniz, Gary Marocchi, Dixie Deans and the Nyskohus brothers.

Villani was brilliant in Adelaide City's recent 3-0 victory over South Melbourne and, appropriately, was voted player of the match. — LAURIE

Of eight PSL championship and Cup games, Adelaide City has won four, drawn three and suffered one loss — in the first-round league match of 1978.

In that match, played at the Olympic Sports Field in front of 13,051 people, goals from defender Barry Reynolds and striker Graeme Norris gave West Adelaide a 2-1 victory.

Midfielder Gary Marocchi, the former Soccerroo who has missed many games this season through injury, replied for Adelaide City.

That victory, and a 'toss of the coin' penalty kicks win in the 1977 Philips Cup first round, are West's only successes against Adelaide City. However, for the purpose of analysis, the 1977 Cup game has been counted as a draw.

Adelaide City has scored 14 goals against West Adelaide in eight games, with the versatile Brian Northcote the top scorer with three.

City can boast of a grand 4-1 in 1977, plus two victories this season. City will achieve a hat trick of wins if it comes out on top on Sunday.

In the first league game of 1979, Adelaide City emerged 2-1 winner with goals from Brian Northcote and Robert Marwe. Big forward Dave Pillans grabbed West Adelaide's lone goal.



Charlie Villani dribbles a ground are Danny Moulis (la

West Adelaide, as 1978 champion, must have been humiliated by that defeat at the hands of the 'enemy', but that was only the beginning.

In a later Philips Cup match, Adelaide City swept to victory with a penalty kick goal by John Nyskohus two minutes from time.

So, if figures are anything to go by, Adelaide City is out-

Olympic Sports field, Sunday 2.30 pm



(vice president) David Jones, John Battar, Peter Tymczyszyn, Graham Norris, Garrie George Kouleanos, Ian McGregor, Peter Picture by STEVE CHATZIS.

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Adelaide derby this Sunday another big crowd is expected, as these matches are big events in the South Australian season.

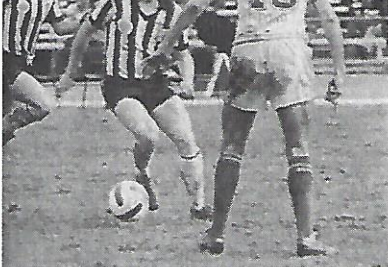
The record crowd for a West Adelaide/Adelaide City match is 16,251. As the attendance indicates, the match, a league game this year, was the most significant between the two sides.

West Adelaide clinched the PSL championship before a record number of fans at a 1-1 at Hindmarsh Stadium in the last league game.

And while Adelaide City has definite superiority on the pitch, the championship surely evens the score. In fact, West Adelaide led in justifying in calling it the "giant" of South Australian football.

West's title victory, under guidance of coach Jim Mills, was totally unexpected. Most observers thought PSL silverware would be won among Sydney big guns Cronulla and Sydney City.

However, West Adelaide edged out Cronulla as Cronulla crumbled away and the end capped 1977 PSL season. Sydney City's goal was a goal by John Perin.



and Canberra City opponent. In the back of Canberra and Adelaide City's Chris Kent.

hat important point was that thanks to a magnificent goal by defender Vicanic, who sneaked into the back of West Adelaide City's goal by John Perin.

lory has left the West Adelaide camp this year. The PSL's crown has been handed over to Marconi, and it is out of the Philips Cup out of range of the top

Adelaide City still has plenty to play for. There remains a slim hope of reaching the prestigious finals series, and in the Philips Cup final, Adelaide City plays St George.

However, injuries to key defenders Jim Muir and John Besir have left a considerable gap in the Adelaide City defence.

John Perin, normally a midfielder, and Bugsy Nyskohus, a full back, have been drafted into the centre of defence.

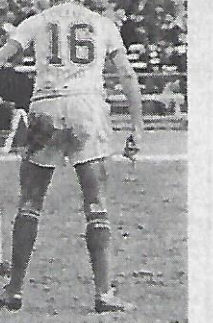
Up forward, Adelaide City has several dangerous players. Scottish international Dixie Deans combines well with Socceroo forward John Nyskohus, with Chris Kent or Brian Northcote raiding down the flanks.

This is Adelaide City's strength, in what is basically a defensive unit.

West Adelaide had great momentum when it won the 1978 premiership. However, the momentum has gone, as have vital players Dave Pillans and Neil McGachey.

McGachey tragically broke a leg, and Pillans has made only fleeting appearances this season due to an ankle injury.

Goalscoring has been a big problem for West Adelaide.



Leading scorers are Graeme Norris and John Kosmina but more is expected from two forwards who cost the club a total of \$50,000.

Adelaide City, with Dixie Deans, Chris Kent, John Nyskohus and Brian Northcote is slightly better off.

However, "Soccer Action" predicts Adelaide City will continue to dominate West Adelaide.

WEST ADELAIDE

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Bitter memories of last 2 games

By TOM FORDE
West Adelaide coach

West Adelaide and Adelaide City have produced some great games over the past 10 years but the two most recent clashes bring bitter memories.

West Adelaide lost those two games and both finished in controversy.

In the Philips Cup a last-minute penalty to John Nyskohus gave Adelaide City a win, and in the first league game we were robbed of a point when a goal was disallowed.

Adelaide City won 2-1, but Wests had the better of the play. However, the PSL is so tight that it needs only one mistake or one piece of misfortune to swing a game.

I hope the game this Sunday has a decisive result, as was the case when West Adelaide defeated Adelaide City 3-0 in the Ampol Cup this year.

West Adelaide has failed to retain the Philips League championship, but still I'm satisfied with the team's performance. West has done well considering the many injuries and suspensions we copped this season.

The worst injury was a broken leg suffered by Neil McGachey, Gordon McCulloch, Barry Reynolds, Vic Bozanic, Dave Pillans and Con Kambas have all been sidelined for lengthy periods.

Having half a championship team out makes things difficult. West bought only two players this year — John Kosmina and Gary Dooley — and so we haven't got the depth to cover injury and suspension.

A word on the suspensions, which have ruined West Adelaide this season. Con Kambas was out for a month in what was a diabolical decision. He had blood streaming from his head and retaliated as the teams left the field at half time.

But what about the player who caused Kambas' injury? He got off scot free!

Adelaide City has some good players and always gives West Adelaide a hard game. I coached West from 1967 to '73, and I know about these "derby" games.

I don't believe in worrying about the opposition's key players, just making sure my players do their job.

David Jones has been West Adelaide's most consistent player this season and fortunately has avoided serious injury.

Martyn Crook has been hot and cold in goals, but I'm sure if he could have maintained his best form, we would be in the top four.

John Kosmina is back to his best and midfielder Peter Boyle is having an

other good season, and is leading the major Player of the Year award in Adelaide.

The main problem with the team has been goalscoring. Having so many creative players out of the side makes it hard but

still, we haven't taken enough chances.

Adelaide City and West Adelaide are evenly matched teams. The side that gets the breaks will come out on top and I've a feeling that luck will run our way for a change.

Northcote the top scorer

Results of all PSL games between Adelaide City Juventus and West Adelaide Hellas —

1977 — League
ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 4 (Deans, Muniz, Nyskohus, Northcote) **WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS** 1 (McGachey) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 12,328
ADELAIDE CITY: Romanowicz 6 — Mella 6, Lister 7, Matic 7, Yung 7 — Perin 7, Muniz 7, Marocchi 7 — Deans 8, J. Nyskohus 8, Northcote 7.

WEST ADELAIDE: Service 6 (Crook) — Reynolds 7, Jones 7, McGachey 6 (Yeates), Vagianos 7 — Souness 8, Honeyman 6, McCulloch 6 — Kosmina 6, Pillans 6, McGregor 6.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 2 (Deans, Marocchi) **WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS** 2 (Kosmina, McGachey) at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 10,125.

ADELAIDE CITY: Romanowicz 8 — Fraser 8, Yung 8, Matic 7, B. Nyskohus 7 — Perin 7, Muniz 8, Marocchi 8 — Deans 9, J. Nyskohus 7, Northcote 8.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 8 — Amos 8, Jones 8, Vagianos 7, Reynolds 8 — McGachey 8, Boyle 7, Pantelis 6 (Kritikos) — McGregor 7, Pillans 6 (sent off), Kosmina 8.

Philips Cup
WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 2 (McGregor, Kosmina) **ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS** 2 (Boyle own goal, Northcote) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 8,658.

West Adelaide won 5-4 on penalties after extra time.

Best players: McGachey, Kosmina, Jones, McGregor (WEST ADELAIDE) Fraser, Perin, Muniz, Northcote (ADELAIDE CITY).

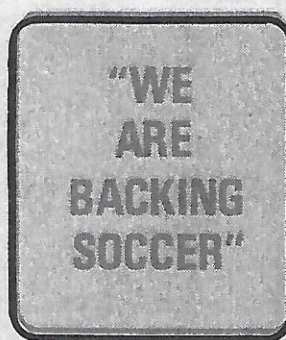
1978 — League
WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 2 (Reynolds, Norris) **ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS** 1 (Marocchi) at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 13,051.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 8 — Tymczyszyn 7, Jones 7, Kambas 7, Reynolds 7 — Boyle 7, McGachey 7, Honeyman 8, McGregor (Bozanic), Pillans 9, Norris 7.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 7 — B. Nyskohus 6, Lister 5 (Muir), Besir 7, Yung 6 — Perin 6, McCuskey 6, Marocchi 7 — Fyfe 8, Kosmina 6 (Northcote), J. Nyskohus 8.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (Bozanic) **ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS** 1 (Perin) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 16,251.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 8 — Reynolds 7, Kambas 8, Jones 8, Bozanic 9 — McGachey 8, Boyle 8, Honeyman 7, Pillans 8, McGregor 7.



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ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 7 — Russell 7, Doods 6, Besir 6, B. Nyskohus 7 — Muniz 8, Perin 7, Northcote 6 — Deans 7, Marwale, J. Nyskohus 7, Kent 7.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 8 — Reynolds 7, Jones 7, Kambas 6, Bozanic 6 — Boyle 6, Tymczyszyn 8, Honeyman 6 — Pillans (McGregor 6), Kosmina 7, Norris 7.

Philips Cup
ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS (J. Nyskohus pen.) **WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS** 0 at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 8,123.

Best players: Marshall, Muir, Kent, J. Nyskohus (ADELAIDE CITY) Jones, Honeyman, Boyle, Kosmina (WEST ADELAIDE).

Scorers in West Adelaide/Adelaide City games in the PSL —

West Adelaide —
2 McGachey, Kosmina
1 McGregor, Reynolds, Norris, Bozanic, Pillans.
Adelaide City —
3 Northcote
2 Deans, J. Nyskohus, Marocchi, Marwale
1 Muniz, Perin
Boyle own goal.
Adelaide City's advantage in figures:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	S
	8	4	3	1	14	9		

1977 Standings — League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	S
Adelaide City 4th	25	12	7	7	50	31	31	
West Adelaide 7th	25	8	10	8	38	32	28	

1978 Standings — League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	S
West Adelaide 1st	25	14	6	4	42	27	26	
Adelaide City 10th	25	9	6	11	38	44	24	

Attendance figures —

	1977	Total	Average
West Adelaide	71,779	5,521	
Adelaide City	99,732	7,671	

	1978	Total	Average
		83,261	6,404
		72,564	5,581

PSL Honors —
Adelaide City — Philips Cup runner-up 1978. Finalist in 1979
Philips Cup —

West Adelaide — Philips

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Goalscorers: Australia - Rodney Brown 2, Graham Fletcher 2, Michael Searle 1. Malaysia - Arzani 1.

Best players: Australia - Stewart, Searle, Phillips and Fletcher. Malaysia - Arzani, Azman, Adnan.

The Australian defence inside out and scored with a superb first-time shot with the outside of his right foot.

Malaysia's joy was short-lived. Twenty seconds later Rodney Brown (NSW) scored with a powerful ground shot between goalkeeper Ong's legs.

From this moment Australia was in control and 10 minutes later sank Malaysia's hopes with two goals in 10 seconds.

The first was a header by Mike Searle (ACT), who headed home an inch-perfect corner that beat Ong.

This was quickly followed by a great goal from Graham Fletcher (NSW).

Australia then dominated everywhere, forcing one corner after another.

With two minutes of the half left, Fletcher made a great run down the left wing and sent over a shoulder-high cross that found Brown.

Brown came away from the Malaysia defence and headed the ball back over his shoulder inside the far post.

Within one minute of the start of the second half Fletcher added to Australia's score with a superb first-time drive from outside the penalty area.

But the Australians were set back on their heels in the sixth minute when Malaysia's clever striker Arzani turned

STATE LEAGUE

Abdon Layland	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
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Division 2: Cheltenham v Diamond Creek (5-2)
 (4-1), Sandown v North Sunshine (1-3) (1-3),
 North Melbourne v East Carlton (2-4) (0-4), Ritz-
 ching v Bankia (2-0) (4-3), Central Brunswick v
 Yarraluen (1-1) (0-2)

(3-2) (4-3)

AMATEUR LEAGUE

Balwyn City v Kooyong Rangers (4-1), Sunshine Heights v Latrobe City (1-4), Mossall Rangers v Hoxa United (2-1).

THIRDS COMPETITION

Central Division: Keyborough 'A' v Ringwood United 'A' (2-3), Fernree Gully v South Yarra (4-1)

STATE LEAGUE

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Essendon Croatia	20	11	5	4	40	17	27
Frankston City	20	11	5	4	39	25	27
Preston Mace	20	11	4	5	37	19	26
Croydon City	20	9	6	5	27	23	24
Juventus	20	10	3	7	36	31	23
Altona City	20	7	6	7	24	23	20
St. Kilda Mak	20	6	6	8	21	24	18
Sunshine City	20	5	7	8	22	32	17
George Cross	20	5	7	8	25	39	17

Green Gully	20	5	0	9	20	31	16
Prarhan Slavia	20	5	4	11	17	24	14
Albion Leyland	20	3	5	12	20	40	11
RESERVES							
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Essendon Croatia	19	12	4	3	35	12	28
Sunshine City	20	9	5	6	26	16	23
Juventus	19	10	3	6	25	19	23
Green Gully	19	8	5	6	18	20	21
St. Kilda Hakoah	20	8	4	8	22	25	20

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Preston Macedona	20	6	5	9	21	31	17
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George Cross	20	2	5	13	12	36	9
FINAL TABLE							
METROPOLITAN LEAGUE							
DIVISION ONE							
Western Suburbs	22	14	5	3	36	17	33
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Maryborough	22	11	7	4	35	19	28
Collingwood City	22	10	8	4	42	25	28
Ringwood City	22	12	4	6	42	27	28
Droghda	22	7	8	7	28	25	22
Springside City	22	7	7	8	23	26	21
Box Hill	22	8	5	9	27	32	21
Dandenong City	22	8	3	11	27	32	19
Keilor City	22	8	3	11	29	38	19
Murresland	22	6	6	10	19	38	18
Melbourne	22	5	7	10	26	29	17

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JOE SAVONA, masseur, shared his duties between Wests and Footscray J.U.S.T. this year.

GREG DAGLIS, 19, forward or midfielder.

JOHN CHRISTODOULAS, 19, midfielder, Victorian under 18 representative last year.


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The proposal was rejected, so West Sunshine stepped up its efforts to amalgamate with ICI.

Finally, officials agreed. Each of the club contributed \$140 towards the funds of the new club and Ken Hitchings was elected chairman.

Other posts went to Bill Bowman, secretary; Emmanuel Parisis, assistant secretary; Bob McGaw, treasurer; Dimitrios Kypridis, team manager; Dimitrios Kypridis, Papageorgiou, Alan Kane, Fotios Hadji and Dave Hitchings, committee.

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In winning the 1940 First Division championship undefeated, ICI set a record of being unbeaten at home for three years.

The club's last success was in 1967 when it won the Metropolitan North Division championship, and from then on, it slid downhill.

In 1965 it completed a series of relocations by ending up in the Fourth Division.

Some of ICI's greatest players were full back Jack Weir, captain Angus Drennan, who represented Australia against Everton in 1953 and who won the Argus Medal while playing for Box Hill in 1959; defender Jim Balish, who later played with Slavia and capitalised Altona City and Johnny Armstrong, who also graduated to Slavia.

Western Suburbs' 1969 team was: Savvas Kagioglou, Dimitrios Papapashalis, George Adamidis, Dimitrios Kondilis, Charlie Adamidis, Frank Bradley, Steve Collier, Dimitrios Lillios, Nick Adamidis, Frank Testa, Dimitrios Kypridis and Danny Melrose.

Testa, Adamidis Kypridis, C. Adamidis, Kondilis, Papashalis and N. Adamidis had played in the West Sunshine team than won the District League West championship the previous year.

Other players of 1968 had been Douglas Joyce, Vince Brincat, Arthur Gabriel, Zisis Papapashalis and Konstantinos Mathioudakis.

The new Western Suburbs ICI club won the new metropolitan success, finishing second in Fourth Division and being promoted to Third Division.

This success was maintained, with Wests being promoted to Second Division in 1970 and to First Division in 1973.

George Maikousis was the club's star over these years.

A brilliant forward, midfielder or defender, he was acknowledged as one of the finest players in the Metropolitan League and his reputation was such that Sunshine City signed him to help get that club into the State League.

Longest-serving of the Wests players is Dimitrios Kypridis, who has been playing since the club's District League days.

To complete the club's history, we must make mention of the ICI club which provided West Sunshine with the opportunity to get into the Metropolitan League.

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VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE ROUND UP

with Kyle Patterson

FRANKSTON 0 MAKEDONIA 3

Scorers: Ward 7th, Cullen (2)
19th, 38th
Ground: Centenary Park
Crowd: est. 2800
Referee: Nick Karlich
Cautions: Parrott, McCuskey,
Taylor (F)

FRANKSTON: Peterson 5 (GB-
bert 6, half time) - v Bannion 5,
McCuskey 7, Adams 6, Parrott 4
(Taylor 5, 40th min) - Tulloch 6, G.
Bannion 5, T. Young 5 (injured, left
field 90th min) - B. Young 8, Mitten
7, Swinscoe 5.
MAKEDONIA: Kastner 8 -
daRainey 6, Higham 6, Gartwhaithe
7, Beach 6 - Leabriel 7, Flavell 6,
Petrowski 6 - Cullen 5, Ward 5,
McMillan 7 (Faulkner 78th min).

The brilliant duo Robert Cullen
and Garry Ward combined to send
Frankston City tumbling from top
position in the State League for the
first time this season.

Ward and Cullen destroyed
Frankston in the first half, in which
Makedonia scored three goals.
Frankston fought back in the second
half, but the damage done was too
great.

Cullen, with his speed and tiger-
ish enthusiasm, was too much for
the Frankston defence, while Ward
disproved the theory that he's only a
goalkeeper.

He displayed great skill on the
ball, and was lightning fast in spot-
ting openings in the often bewil-
dered Frankston defence.

Cullen had too much pace for
Alan Parrott, who limped off in the
46th minute after fighting a hope-
less battle with the Frankston striker.
His replacement, John Taylor,
also failed to tightly mark Cullen.

Vince Bannion never came to
grips with Ward, who found it easy
to lose his mark and pop up in the
open.

Ward and Cullen were the differ-
ence between the teams. I say that
because neither side had a decisive

advantage in midfield and the
Makedonia defence was shown to be
slightly superior.

Whereas Makedonia has the for-
wards to cut to ribbons a defence,
Frankston failed to utilise fully
Bruce Young, who had the better of
Mike Rainey.

Bruce Young was outstanding and
Neil Mitten, in the second half,
joined forces with Young in search
of a goal. However, the effort of the
Frankston players was better than
in previous games.

Playing with the wind, Make-
donia got off to a great start when
Cullen back-heeled to Gordon Flavel,
creating space for Flavell to
cross into the goalmouth.

Unchallenged, Ward jumped to
powerfully head Makedonia into a
seventh minute lead.

At the 19 minute mark, Make-
donia caught the Frankston
defence exposed, and made the
score 2-0. Cullen nipped in before
Parrott, and knocked the ball for-
ward for Ward to run towards goal.
There was a suspicion of offside but
Ward was allowed to approach goal
before slotting a square ball past
Frank Peterson for Cullen to score
into the open goal.

The result was cut and dried
when Cullen made it 3-0. Again the
goal came after a breakaway,
Makedonia's most lethal forward
play.

George McMillan beat Danny
McCuskey who had a good game
and sent away Cullen. He was faced
by Frank Peterson, who did well to
deflect his shot.

Frankston looked out of danger,
but Parrott erred, and this allowed
Ward to cut the ball back, with Pe-
tersen stranded, for Cullen to score
into an open goal.

Makedonia deserved to score
three goals but was fortunate to
keep Frankston scoreless.

A John Higham backpass stopped
short and Kevin Swinscoe collected,
but his low shot was saved by Lou
Kastner. Mitten raced away down

the right and his far post cross was
aimed for Bruce Young, who
couldn't get a shot in because
Rainey made a timely tackle.

Swinscoe wasted another oppor-
tunity after intercepting a shocking
cross-goal pass by Rainey, and then
Kastner made a great save after
Bruce Young worked his way behind
the Makedonia defence.

Kastner saved a good swerving
shot from Alex Tulloch and Bruce
Young shot just wide on the turn.

The second half was an anti-
climax. Frankston, with the wind at
its back, had much of the play. But
Makedonia still carved out the best
scoring chances.

Frankston's best chance came
early in the second half when Swin-
scoe nodded down Bruce Young's
cross, and Mitten smashed a rocket
shot against the post.

McMillan had the same mis-
fortune at the other end when his
shot hit the underside of the bar and
bounced out.

Frankston was severely hindered
by Tony Young failing to assert any
authority in midfield, and God
Bannion being less of a driving
force.

Swinscoe had a poor game and
failed to feed Mitten, who never-
theless was a dangerous player in
the second half.

Of course the Frankston defence
was over-powered, although
McCuskey worked like a trojan.

Eric Leabriel had a fair game in
midfield but this is a problem spot
for Makedonia. The inclusion of the
mobile Jeff Faulkner in this de-
partment may solve a few prob-
lems.

In defence, Makedonia made too
many errors. Rainey and Higham
were caught for speed, a com-
modity needed to combat Croatia's
Tommy Cumming.

Makedonia showed it is a pow-
erful attacking unit, but defensively
is not as sound as it should be.
- KYLE PATTERSON.

Voting

This week's votes in the
General Tourist Travel Ser-
vice - 'Soccer Action' State
League player of the year
award.

ALBION V GG AJAX
3 Denys (GG)
2 Reilly (A)
1 Nisbet (A)

FRANKSTON V MAKE-

DONIA
3 Ward (M)
2 Cullen (M)

1 B. Young (F)
1 Waters (A)
CROATIA V SLAVIA

3 Gardiner (C)
2 Williams (S)

1 Gilder (C)
1 Hakoah V ALTONA
3 Hird (A)

2 Topolanski (H)
1 Waters (A)
GEO. CROSS V SUNSHINE

3 R. Nelson (S)
2 Dixey (S)
1 Matsson (GC)

CROYDON V JUVENTUS
3 Edwards (C)
2 McGuinness (J)

1 House (C)
Leading votegetters-
26 McGuinness (Juve)

24 Cullen (Mak)
21 Whyte (Alb)
17 Cumming (Cro), Wil-

liams (Slav)
14 T. Young (Frank), Ellis
(Suns)

13 Pongho (Croy), R. Nelson
(Juve)

11 Adams, B. Young (Fran),
Cowan (GC), Loh (Hak), Al-

dridge (Slav)
10 D'Sylva (Alb), Hooper
(GC), Ward (Mak).

Leading goalscorers-
15 Ward (Mak)
13 Gilder (Cro)

10 Mitten (Frank)
9 Cumming (Cro), Swinscoe
(Frank), Paparas (GC), C.

Lucchesi, McGuinness (Juve),
McMillan (Mak)
8 Brogan (Croy), Loh (Hak)

7 Culina (Cro), Monaghan
(Slav), Cullen (Mak)
6 Crow (Alb), Murphy (Cro),
Cowan (GC), Perkins (Ajax).

Moment of truth

Like Napoleon at Water-
loo, Albion Rovers is about
to face the moment of
truth.

The controversial reign of
Albion as a State League club
will be officially terminated
unless the Rovers defeat
Slavia at Selwyn Park on Sun-
day.

Albion (11 points) must
defeat Slavia (14 points) or be
banished to the Metropolitan
League. Even worse, relega-
tion could precipitate the end
of Albion as an entity.

Victory would put Albion
within one point of Slavia with
one game remaining. If Albion
then defeated Hakoah at
Selwyn Park, and Slavia lost to
Sunshine City, the Rovers
would pull off the great es-
cape.

Although on the brink of dis-
aster, Albion is a battling outfit
which will fight to the bitter
end.

This was proved last season
when Albion overcame a
player revolt and going broke
to hoist itself off the bottom
and away from relegation.
Albion is a survivor.

The State League has
presented Albion with two
seasons of struggling — both
on and off the field. However,
an almost fanatical spirit to
overcome troubled times has
seen the Rovers prevail.

Last Saturday, Albion dis-
played incredible fight against
Ajax, but failed to earn any re-
ward.

Against Slavia, Albion will
cut loose.

Slavia, the 1979 Ampol Cup
runner-up, could so easily slip
into oblivion. It has some class
players, but in this relegation
crisis, the side with the most
guts and determination will
win the day.

Slavia will probably be with-

out striker Dave Griffiths, who
has a damaged ankle. Stopper
Glenn Westley has a knee in-
jury, but probably will be
available.

Albion will be without de-
fender Frank McLeod, who
was sent off last week.

Selwyn Park will be no place
for the weak at heart. A thrill-
ing game is in store.

The Albion defence, with
Bobby Nisbet and Tony Gatt in
excellent form, could perhaps
hold Slavia even if a man
short. Against Ajax, Albion
had only a three-man defence.

Albion will need potential
match-winners Mike D'Sylva,
Gerry Reilly and Bill McCor-
mack to fire.

Slavia's defence will be wea-
kened if Westley is unfit, but
the side has dangerous for-
wards in Jim Williams and
Brian Monaghan. However,
goalscoring touch has deserted
Slavia's forwards lately.

To predict a winner of this
game is hard, but I've a hunch
that Albion will snatch victory.

Up the road from Selwyn
Park, George Cross and Green
Gully will play at Green Gully
Reserve in the Maltese derby.

The first round game fin-
ished a 1-1 draw, and with both
sides now safe from relega-
tion, some good soccer may be
played.

George Cross has been play-
ing poorly, while Green Gully
was locked in a relegation
battle. The victory over Albion
with a goal from Steve Bennie
ended Ajax's fears.

With the pressure off, I
think Ajax will produce some
good form and take out the
game.

Croydon City and Juventus
are still fighting for a top four
position, with both teams
having tough games.
Sunshine City has worried

many teams at Chaplin Reser-
ve, and Croydon will not enjoy
its visit there. With Rob
Nelson in fine form, Sunshine
has the drive to beat Croydon.

Nick Lowe may return to
boost the defence, freeing Rob
Nelson to the midfield.

Croydon has been in great
form but I think Sunshine will
snatch a point.

Juventus must beat Hakoah
at Olympic Park. With Bobby
McGuinness in fine touch,
Juve has the power to score a
few goals.

A Juventus victory coupled
with a Croydon draw would
give Juve fourth spot on goal
difference.

I predict Juventus will hit
back after the loss last week.

The Altona/Frankston game
is most vital, but with Frank-
ston's most onlookers think Frank-
ston is dead and gone as a
championship contender.

Frankston went down by
three goals last week, but with
the endeavour shown, it could
get back on the winning list
against Altona.

Altona will be tough, but I
think Frankston's luck is about
to change.

SATURDAY
Sunshine v Croydon
(Chaplin Reserve).

SUNDAY
Slavia v Albion (Selwyn
Park)
Altona v Frankston (Kim
Reserve)

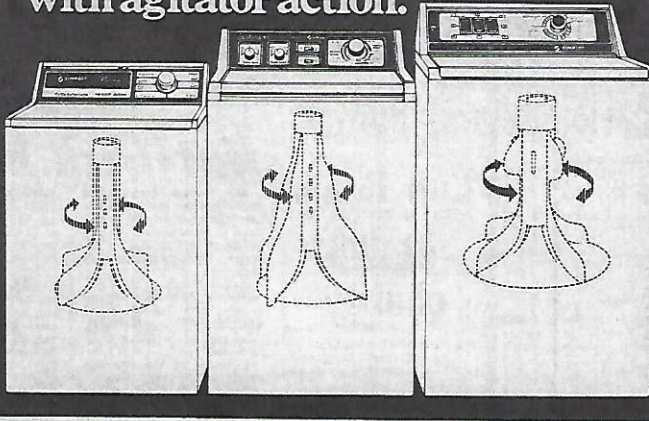
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ve)

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4 NORTHWOOD ST., ADAMSTOWN HEIGHTS, N.S.W., 2289

SECRETARY: P. Trisley, Bus. (049) 24930 (049) 26 2433

COACH: A. Vest

GROUND: International Sports Centre, Turton Rd.,
New Lambton. Ph (049) 52 1224

SPONSOR: Tooth & Co., Brewers of KB Beer

This week's match: v **ST. GEORGE** at
St. George Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



MARCONI

MARCONI ROAD, BOSSLEY PARK, N.S.W. 2176

SECRETARY: L. Sartoretto (02) 604 5222.

COACH: L. Scheinflug.

GROUND: Marconi Oval, Marconi Rd.,
Bossley Park.

This week's match: v **SYDNEY OLYMPIC** at
Marconi Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



SOUTH MELBOURNE

P.O. BOX 64, ST. KILDA WEST, VIC., 3182

GENERAL SECRETARY: J. Karvess, Tel 534 5462

COACH: John Margaritis

GROUND: Middle Park, Aughtie Drive, Middle Park

COLOURS: Blue & White

Girls who wish to enter Miss South Melbourne quest please contact
N. Sagiakos 528 6196 (A.H.) P. Pallas 232 4577 (Bus), 233 2514 (A.H.).

This week's match: v **BRISBANE CITY** at
Middle Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.



ST. GEORGE

84 VICTORIA AVENUE, MORTDALE, N.S.W.

GENERAL MANAGER: L. Bordacs (02) 269 2745.

COACH: R. Blanco

GROUND: St George Stadium, Rockdale

This week's match: **NEWCASTLE KB UNITED** at
St. George Stadium v (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



WEST ADELAIDE

G.P.O. BOX 1130, ADELAIDE S.A., 5001

SECRETARY: D. A. Carapetis, Bus. (08) 227 4311.

COACH: T. Forde.

GROUND: Hindmarsh Stadium, Manton St., Hindmarsh.

This week's match: v **ADELAIDE CITY** at
Olympic Sports Field (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm.



SYDNEY OLYMPIC

BOX A181 SYDNEY SOUTH, N.S.W., 2000

SECRETARY: N Smilas (Bus) (02) 72 0661.

COACH: J. Xipolitas

GROUND: Pratton Park, Ashfield.

SPONSOR: opatra

This week's match: v **MARCONI** at
Marconi Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT

38-42 FRAZER ST., LEICHHARDT 2040.

SECRETARY: H. Ambrose (02) 516 1688

COACH: R. Richards

GROUND: Wentworth Park, Glebe.
Phone (02) 660 7431.

This week's match: v **FOOTSCRAY** at
Middle Park (Melbourne) Saturday 3 pm.



SYDNEY CITY

61 HALL ST., BONDI, NSW.

SECRETARY: H. K. Lakmaker (02) 30 3344
(Mornings).
663 4576 (Afternoons).

COACH: G. Chaldi.

GROUND: Wentworth Park Glebe, NSW
Phone (02) 660 7431.

SPONSOR: **PRESTO SMALLGOODS** and City Ford

This week's match: v **HEIDELBERG UNITED** at
Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

